

The Public Affairs Office is pleased to announce the Fulbright American Studies Summer Institute Awards for Jordanian scholars. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State for a period of six weeks during the summer of the academic year 2007.

The Summer Institute will provide participants with opportunities to broaden the culture and historical base of courses they design and teach by enriching their knowledge of U.S. society, culture, values, history and institutions past and present.

The American Embassy will cover the international and other travel in the United States and will provide a daily allowance to cover most of the participants' normal expenses. Please note that under our regulations, spouse or other family members may not accompany the participants during the program.

The Summer Institute will offer the following sessions:

### **U.S. Foreign Policy: Foundation and Formulation**

--Host Institution: University of South Carolina

--Suggested Participant Specialization: International relations, foreign policy, history, political science

--Program Date: Mid June – early August 2007.

--Program description: The primary purpose of this institute will be to provide participants with a deeper understanding of how U.S. foreign policy is conceptualized and implemented with emphasis on the post cold war era. This institute will examine the intersection of ideas and structures in the development of U.S. foreign policy. Its focus will be on the main philosophical trends that have guided U.S. foreign policy; the grand strategies and frameworks that have been developed out of these philosophical trends; and what actors--both governmental and non-governmental--shape U.S. foreign policy at various stages from its conceptualization to its enactment. An overarching goal of the program is to illuminate the relationships between U.S. policies and the political, social and economic forces in the United States that constitute the domestic context in which such policies are debated, formulated and executed. Ideally, the program will be structured in such a way as to give attention to U.S. foreign policy both globally and in particular geographic areas and to examine the role of U.S foreign policy within the context of international relations and international institutions.

### **Contemporary American Literature**

--Host Institution: University of Louisville, Kentucky

--Suggested Participant Specialization: American literature, American studies

--Program Date: Mid June – early August 2007.

--Program description: This institute will focus on recent American literature and criticism. Its purpose is twofold: first, to explore contemporary American writers and writing in a variety of genres; second, to suggest how the themes explored in those works

reflect larger currents within contemporary American society and culture. The program will explore the diversity of the American literary landscape, examining how major contemporary writers, schools and movements reflect the traditions of the American literary canon and, at the same time, represent a departure from that tradition, establishing new directions for American literature.

### **Religious Pluralism in the United States**

--Host Institution: University of California (Santa Barbara)  
--Suggested Participant Specialization: Political science, sociology, religion, history, American Studies  
--Program Date: Mid June – early August 2007.  
--Program description: This institute will examine the American religious experience and how it exists within the U.S. system of democracy. Employing a multi-disciplinary approach, drawing on fields such as history, political science, sociology, anthropology, law and others where appropriate, the program will examine such issues as: the historical and contemporary relationship between church and state in the United States; the ways in which religious thought and practice have influenced and been influenced by the development of American democracy; the intersections of religion and politics in the United States in such areas as elections, public policy, and foreign policy. It will also explore the sociology and demography of religion in the United States today, including a survey of the varieties of contemporary religious beliefs and their impact on American politics.

### **American Civilization**

--Host Institution: To be determined  
--Suggested Participant Specialization: History, American studies, American literature, English language  
--Program Date: June –July, 2007.  
--Program description: This institute is intended to familiarize foreign university faculty with the major themes, disciplines and approaches which, individually or in combination, could constitute the basis of a U.S. studies course or program at a foreign university. The program will provide the participants with a highly selective yet integrated introduction to the major themes - historical, political, literary, and cultural -that scholars from abroad might want to present to their students in a comprehensive course on U.S. civilization.

### **American Politics and Political Thought**

--Host Institution: University of Massachusetts  
--Suggested Participant Specialization: Political Science, political theory, sociology, philosophy  
--Program Date: Late June – early August, 2007  
--Program description: This institute is intended to provide the participating foreign university faculty with a deeper understanding of U.S. political institutions and of major currents in American political thought by focusing on the interplay between ideas and

institutions in shaping the contemporary American policy. The institute is intended to provide an overview of the origins (constitutional foundations), development and current functioning of the American presidency, Congress and the federal judiciary. The institute also surveys important currents in the history of American political thought, including the Founding period, liberalism, republicanism,

### **Journalism and Media**

--Host Institution: To be determined  
--Suggested Participant Specialization: Political Science, journalism  
--Program Date: Late June – early August, 2007  
--Program description: The Institute on Journalism and Media will provide a group of 18 journalism instructors and other related specialists with a deeper understanding of journalism's and the media's roles in U.S. society. It will examine major topics in journalism, including the concept of a "free press," First Amendment Rights, and the media's relationship to the public interest. The legal and ethical questions posed by journalism will be incorporated into every aspect of the institute. The institute will cover strategies for teaching students of journalism the basics of the tradecraft: researching, reporting, writing, and editing. The program will also highlight technology's impact on journalism, addressing the influence of the Internet, the globalization of the news media, the growth of satellite television and radio networks, and other advances in media that are transforming the profession.

### **Requirement for Eligibility:**

1. The ideal candidate will be an experienced professional with little or no recent study experience in the U.S., whose institute is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. studies into the curriculum; to develop new courses on American Studies; and to enhance and update existing courses on the United States.
2. The applicants must be Jordanian citizens.
3. The applicant must have a doctorate or its equivalent in professional training or experience.
4. The applicant must be currently engaged in teaching or significant research at a Jordanian university or institution.
5. The applicant must be fluent in English. Grantees will be expected to handle substantial reading assignments in English and to be full and active participants in all seminar and panel discussions.

If candidates are interested in competing for the Fulbright American Studies Institute Awards, please send your C.V. along with a short personal statement (between 1-3 typed pages) indicating why you are interested in participating in the program and what would you hope to get out of the experience by **January 4, 2007**.

Nominations should be forwarded to the attention of Ms. Basma Amawi, American Embassy. For further information on the program, please contact Ms. Basma Amawi at the American Embassy, Tel: 590-6574; E-mail: [amawibm@state.gov](mailto:amawibm@state.gov)